

# Office Support Continuing Education Incentive Program

(Form ER-300, R. 10/08)

The mission of this program is to create a more highly skilled, productive and flexible office support workforce through continuous education in specific job-related coursework.

## Guidelines:

### Employee Eligibility:

- Employees holding one of the office support classification titles listed on Page 2 are eligible to participate in this Continuing Education Incentive Program.
- Employees must have passed an initial probationary period in one of the eligible titles.

### Course Eligibility:

- Coursework must be **directly related to an employee's current job classification** in her/his department and must be in the coursework areas listed below. The Department Head must confirm that coursework meets all Guidelines.
- Coursework must be at a level **beyond** high school. Courses must be taken at an educational institution **accredited** by the North Central Association of College and Secondary Schools.
- Employees must earn a **minimum of one (1)** college credit for each course taken.
- Employees must receive **at least a "C"** or a grade that represents the **minimum** grade point average required for a degree, diploma or certificate.
- Eligible coursework **must** be in the following areas **and** must also be **directly related to your present position**:
  - Office Software – **Intermediate** or **Advanced** level computer software coursework
  - Customer Service – for example, *Managing Customer Service*
  - Business Writing – for example, *Communication Skills*
  - Bookkeeping and Accounting – for example, *Payroll Accounting*
- Employees performing library work and housing/property management work are eligible to take coursework in these additional areas:
  - Library Science coursework
  - Housing/Property Management – for example, *Principles of Real Estate* or *Real Estate Law*
- Courses must be started and completed in the current year in which the application is submitted for the Office Support Continuing Education Incentive Program; or prior to the end of the pilot program. *Currently, the pilot program is still in effect.*

### Incentive Payment:

- An employee will receive a \$200 incentive payment for successfully completing three (3) college credits of eligible coursework. This can mean 3 courses worth one (1) credit each, or one course worth three (3) credits.
- An employee may receive a **maximum of four** incentive payments while working in one eligible job title.
- Incentive payments will not be added to base pay and are not pensionable.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE INCENTIVE

1. If you wish to know in advance if a course is eligible for the Incentive Program, please contact Judy Kammermann, Program Assistant II, at 286-3650 or send an email to [jkamme@milwaukee.gov](mailto:jkamme@milwaukee.gov).
2. Complete Sections 1-3 of Form ER-300. Incomplete forms will be returned to you.
3. Please attach a **copy** of the official grade report. A grade of "C" or better is required. Please **do not** submit originals, as they are not returned to you.
4. Have your Department Head approve and sign the form. *Also obtain your supervisor's signature if required by your department.*
5. Send the completed form and attach a **copy** of your grade report to Training & Development Services, Room 706, City Hall within **eight** weeks from the last day of the course(s).
6. You will receive an approval determination letter within 2-3 weeks from the date we receive your completed form and grade report. The letter will tell you on which paycheck the approved incentive will be added.
7. If you wish to receive tuition reimbursement for the course(s), please complete a Tuition Benefit Application (ER-75) **separate** from the Incentive Application (ER-300). Please be sure to have a **SEPARATE** copy of the grade report for the Incentive Application.

## Eligible Job Classification Titles

Employees in the following unions and employee groups are eligible to participate in this program:

Accounting Assistant I Accounting Assistant II Accounting Assistant III Account Clerk II * Administrative Assistant I Administrative Assistant II Clerk III * Clerk II (Field) * Clerk III (Field) * Clerk Stenographer II * Clerk Stenographer III * Communications Assistant I Communications Assistant II Communications Assistant III Communications Assistant IV Communications Assistant V Computer Assistant I Computer Assistant II Copy Cataloging Technician I Copy Cataloging Technician II Court Services Assistant I Court Services Assistant II Court Services Assistant III Court Services Assistant IV Customer Services Repr. I Customer Services Repr. II Customer Services Repr. III Data Entry Operator I Data Entry Operator II Data Entry Operator III Electrical Parts Clerk I ** Electrical Parts Clerk II ** Infrastructure Stores Clerk I ** Infrastructure Stores Clerk II ** Infrastructure Stores Clerk III ** Infrastructure Stores Clerk IV ** Inventory Control Assistant I Inventory Control Assistant II Inventory Control Assistant III Inventory Control Assistant IV Key Entry Operator III * Lead Teller-Water	Library Circulation Assistant I Library Circulation Assistant II Library Circulation Assistant III Library Technician I Library Technician II Library Technician III Microcomputer Services Assistant Mobile Services Clerk * Office Assistant I Office Assistant II Office Assistant III Office Assistant IV Office Coordinator Personnel Payroll Assistant I Personnel Payroll Assistant II Personnel Payroll Assistant III Program Assistant I Purchasing Assistant I Purchasing Assistant II Purchasing Assistant III Service Center Coordinator Stores Clerk I ** Stores Clerk II ** Stores Clerk III ** Teller Water-II Vehicle Parts Clerk ** Water Materials Clerk II ** Water Materials Clerk III **	<b><u>ALEASP JOB TITLES:</u></b>  Accounting Assistant I Accounting Assistant II Administrative Assistant I Administrative Assistant II Audiovisual Specialist I Audiovisual Specialist II Clerk Stenographer II Clerk Stenographer III Computer Operator I Computer Operator II Data Entry Operator I Data Entry Operator II * Electronic Technician Graphic Designer I Graphic Designer II Inventory Control Assistant I Inventory Control Assistant II Inventory Control Assistant III Lead Police Telecommunicator Mail Processor (customer service) Microfilm Technician I Office Assistant I Office Assistant II Office Assistant III Office Assistant IV Office Coordinator Offset Press Operator I (computer) Police Dispatcher Police District Office Assistant Police Telecommunicator Printer Production Designer II Teller Transcriptionist II Transcriptionist III Video Electronic Technician  <b>* Effective as of the execution of the '2001-2002 agreement.</b>
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\* Obsolete titles that remain in the Salary Ordinance for employees occupying positions that were downgraded in the City-wide office support study. Those employees will retain their present payroll and pay range for as long as they remain in their current positions.

\*\* Titles (mostly DPW) retained until further study is completed.

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**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
Judy Kammermann  
Department of Employee Relations  
Room 706, City Hall  
Phone: 286-3650 / Fax: 286-0800  
jkamme@milwaukee.gov

If completing by hand, please use black ink only.

## SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

<b>NAME:</b>		(WORK): Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Department:</b>		PeopleSoft 6-digit I.D. #:
The Approval Determination Letter will be sent to you via Email: <b>Email Address:</b>		

## SECTION 2 - COURSE INFORMATION

Attach a copy of the official grade report ("C") or better. Do not submit originals (list additional courses on page 2).

COURSE INFORMATION	START DATE (mo/day/year)	END DATE (mo/day/year)	No. of CREDITS	GRADE
<b>#1 Course Title:</b>				
Provide a brief course description, or attach a copy of a course description from the course catalog:				
Describe how Course #1 is <u>directly related</u> to your present position:				
<b>#2 Course Title:</b>				
Provide a brief course description, or attach a copy of a course description from the course catalog:				
Describe how Course #2 is <u>directly related</u> to your present position:				
<b>#3 Course Title:</b>				
Provide a brief course description, or attach a copy of a course description from the course catalog:				
Describe how Course #3 is <u>directly related</u> to your present position:				

## SECTION 3 - APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Please sign and forward this completed application, along with the required documentation, to your Department Head for approval and signature (page 2).	
I have read the Instructions and Guidelines on Page 1 and I agree to abide by them.	Date:
Please sign here:	

## THIS SECTION IS FOR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS' USE ONLY. DO NOT write in the section below.

Date Applicant Appointed to Current Position:	<b>COURSE APPROVAL DETERMINATION</b>	<b>NO. of CREDITS</b>	<b>GRADE RECEIVED</b>
	Course #1: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>		
Previous Incentive(s) Received by Applicant in Current Position: \$	Course #2: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Course #3: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>		
Pay Code: 016 Pay Date:	Course #4: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>		
Comments:		Incentive Total (page 1 and 2): \$	

## SECTION 2A – ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

Please attach a copy of the **official** grade report with a grade of “C” or better. Please **DO NOT** submit originals.

COURSE TITLE / DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION	START DATE (mo/day/year)	END DATE (mo/day/year)	CREDITS	GRADE
<b>#4 Title:</b>				
Provide a brief course description, or attach a copy of a course description from the course catalog:				
Describe how Course #1 is <u>directly related</u> to your present position:				
<b>#5 Title:</b>				
Provide a brief course description, or attach a copy of a course description from the course catalog:				
Describe how Course #1 is <u>directly related</u> to your present position:				
<b>#6 Title:</b>				
Provide a brief course description, or attach a copy of a course description from the course catalog:				
Describe how Course #1 is <u>directly related</u> to your present position:				

## DEPARTMENT/AGENCY HEAD SIGNATURE AND APPROVAL

➤ All of the courses listed are **DIRECTLY RELATED** to the employee’s present position and fall within the Administrative Guidelines.

Dept/Agency Head Signature →		Date:
Supervisor’s Signature ( <i>optional</i> )→		Date:

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<b>COMMENTS:</b>	<b>COURSE APPROVAL DETERMINATION</b>	<b>NO. of CREDITS</b>	<b>GRADE RECEIVED</b>
	Course #5: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Course #6: Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>Incentive Total:\$</b>		